MINE FOREMAN DECLARED BY VIRGIN TO BE KEY MAN IN COAL INDUSTRY

Importance of Foreman Pointed Out-in Address by Trade Editor.

Several interesting papers were read at the sessions of the West Virginia Coal Mining Institute this week in Huntington. One of these was by stober? Z. Virgin, editor of the Coal Trade Bulletin, Pittsburgh. His paper was entitled "The Mine Foreman, the Keyman in the Coal Industry."

The paper was as follows:

"The bituminous coal industry in the United States has functioned fairly well for many years until lately. When the government decided to make an entry into the business in 1916, it marked the acceleration of troubles, both in paining and marketing of bitumi-

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Now comes the proverbial questionnaire requiring voluminous answers. This is another added expense to the cost of producing coal. Ways and means must be discovered on worked con-

in accord with the views of upper officials. He carries out as he sees fit, regardless diplomacy or eastlen. It is they iman that he should take this titude. At times he reflects his wishes in the matter, probabrather more than those of his mployer. This is due in a measure to be the of training. employer. This is due in sure to lack of training.

Mine Organization In the management and opera "In the management and operath of a coal mine, there must of
necessity be an organization. This
organization may consist of few
persons or many persons, depending upon the ramifications of the
works and the number of men employed. Added to this organization
out often not included, are the
men who saw parally known as en who are usually known straw bosses." They are who carry out the instructions of the different foremen, but who

the allerent foreign, but who have no authority.

"The firebosses, assistant fore-men, etc., all work under the sup-ervision of the mine foreman. If mine is large it is readily letall in the mine. He directs his personal attention to every

"This delegated power is like adding another link to the chain. "It has a tendency to weaken the objective, if any weakness shows up, the mine foreman is he one man who is held responsithe one man who is held responsible. He is, the key man in any
mine organization. His efforts
both directly and indirectly are in
a measure responsible for the success or failure of the company.

"The mae foreman's efforts can
not always be measured in a financial way, but accidents from
its for forethought or judgment
are surely expensive. In the recent
explosition at Spangler, Pa., it is

re arrely exponsive, in the feech reposition at Spangler, Pa., it is not the compensation paid to energiciaries amounted to ever 100,000.00, and that the cost of the explosion at Dolomite milnen Alabama was nearly \$300,000,-

It must not be inferred from as that these accidents were the was held at the home of two local suit of inefficient mine foremen, at this information is here given Sturm, Thursday, Four quits that have a large items that he were finished during the day and

torman, etc., until he reaches the age of 21 or perhaps 22 as the laws sometimes require.

"During this time he has not had any instruction whatever in the management of coal mine affairs. He has not heard the foreman or superintendent speak intelligently about the company's affairs or desires. He knows nothing whatever about the company's methods of conducting their business.
"In contrast to this, he is asso-

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The contrast to this, he is associated with mine workers, and from the time he starts to work in its mines at 13 in unit he reaches all the mines at 13 in unit he reaches all the mines at 13 in unit he reaches at ment to the company of the mines at 13 in unit he reaches at ment to the properties of the first of the man and any other out this intelligence, in the man and any other out this in the principles of the matural outcome of his first daily associations, and any other coult not be expected by guide the mines, without the route property the mines, without the route property of the mines, without the route property of the company in the mine foreman; it is not impossible for the mine foreman; it is all the companies are viging under the companies of the mine foreman; it is not impossible for the mine foreman; it is not impossible for the companies of the present system, as they would like to have as a forem and the companies to employ the man they would like to have as a forem as they would like to have as a forem as they would like to have as a forem as they would like to have as a forem as they would like to have as a forem as they would like to have as a forem as they would like to have as a forem as they would like to have as a forem as they would like to have as a forem as the companies to employ the man they would like to have as a forem as the companies to employ the man they would like to have as a forem as the would like to have as a forem as the would like to have as a forem as the possible of the former's parents, Mr; and Mrs. Directle, M. M. and Mrs. Enterprise the former as parents, Mr; and Mrs. Directle, M. M. and Mrs. This conclusion was reached at the contract violation and contracts. The man the possible for the former's parents, Mr; and Mrs. Directle, M. M. and Mrs. Allegate the contract violation and co

laws make it almost impracticable. A careful reading of most state's laws will reveal the fact that the possible or probable foreman must have had several years experience within the coal mines of the state where he is employed.

Regardless of ability this par Regardless of ability this nar-row view limits the choice of foremen. The state examines the aplicant to disclose his fitness, to perform the duties of a mine foro-man as the state seems these re-quirements. Usually the eyesight of the state is mine to the control of the state is mine. quirements. Usually the eyesight of the state is not upon the same object as that of the mine opera-

From the list of successful ap-"From the list of successful applicants the state in effect says."
"Mr. Operator, we will allow you to choose any man for your foreman from among those we have thought fit."

"In determining this fitness, the operators has had no choince, yet must pay for the foreman's services. No weight in the examination is given for personality, abil."

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lees. No weight in the examination is given for personality, ability to handle men, knowledge of the labor problems, upkeep of houses and buildings, the village water supply sanitation and welfare problems yet there are all questions with which the mina foreman must deal with directly or indirectly. They are questions that reach into the actual mine workings. This being the care. workings. This being the case, and with the limited knowledge of the foreman about these problems, together with the extremely ilmited choice of foremen by the operator, the importance of the foreman's decision looms up very large."

STURM'S MILL

Quilting Bec.

An old-fashioned quilting because held at the home of two local

or make up the cost of operating at noon a dinner was served to the ladies by Mrs. Neal Kellar.

Who Is Mine Foreman 'Usually the states' mine laws require that when the mine emine that when the mine that the mine the mine that the

TARROUS BY LANY THE MENT THE COUNTY THE COUN

A. C. Tetrick was the guest of N. U. Kellar Sunday, C. M. Starm of Harter Hill transacted business in this community Thursday.
Waller Stevens of Harter Hill visited triends here last Friday, Miss Marguerite Minear spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Minear of Bingamon.

of Bingamon.
Miss Borta Sturm, who has best topending several weeks in Fairmont, returned home recently. M. Merriman, who has been liv-ing in the Davis property, has moved to Ten Mile, Harrison County. County,

F. L. Sturm of Stringtown transacted business here Thurs-

The protracted meeting at the Martin Church has aroused great interest in the community, with large crowds in attendance at all meetings.

E. H. Stevens was a business caller in Fairmont Saturday. H. L. Sturm was in Enterprise

Saturday.

A. C. Stackpole was a business caller at the home of Charles Oriss Tuesday.

were visitors at the home of Mrs. John Vincent Thanksgiving Day.

Billy Evans Says

Eight major league clubs have already selected Florida as n spring training camp. Others may follow suit.

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look over the available material and want to make the most of it without any interferences from the outside.

University co-eds now have an opportunity to take physical training and they are expected to make considerable progress during the winter months. In the past interclass basketball has made possible the development of some strong the development of some strong

the development of some strong teams and the re-organization of such a league along, with volley ball and other games is bound to produce some worth while results.

Several fraternity teams are already practicing on available floors and the circuit seems destined to enjoy another successful season. Several stars of the 1922 league sams will be candidates for the teams will be candidates for the Varsity squad this winter and with three posts open they stand a good chance of earning a regular borth.

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